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Interface Circuit for Operating Capacitive Loads

Osram Sylvania, Inc. 800 N. Church St. Lake Zurich, IL 60047 May 10, 2006

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

1. Applicant hereby petitions pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a three (3) month extension of time for response to the outstanding Official Action mailed 11/18/2005. The period for response was previously set to elapse 02/18/2006 (standard period) and is accordingly hereby extended to 05/18/2006, which is still within the six-month statutory period for response (35 U.S.C. §133) which elapses 05/18/2006.

2. The reason for this petition is as follows:

| X  | A response to the outstanding Official Action is being filed herewith;                                |  |  |  |  |
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|    | It is expected that a response to the outstanding Official Action will be filed within the extended   |  |  |  |  |
| i  | period for response;  |  |  |  |  |
|    | A Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals (37 CFR § 1.191) is being filed herewith;                  |  |  |  |  |
|    | It is expected that a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals (37 CFR § 1.191) will be filed within  |  |  |  |  |
| ∥. | the extended period for response.   |  |  |  |  |
|    | A Division, Continuation, or Continuation-in-part is being filed, and it is desired to maintain the   |  |  |  |  |
|    | present application in pending condition pursuant to 35 USC § 120 through at least the filing date of |  |  |  |  |
|    | the Division, Continuation, or Continuation-in-part application.                                      |  |  |  |  |

3. The required fee as established by 37 CFR § 1.17(a) pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 41(a) (8) is:

|   |              | RATE       | FEE        |
|---|--------------|------------|------------|
|   | First Month  | \$120.00   |            |
|   | Second Month | \$450.00   |            |
| Х | Third Month  | \$1,020.00 | \$1,020.00 |
|   | Fourth Month | \$1,590.00 |            |
|   | Fifth Month  | \$2,160.00 |            |

The fee of \$1,020.00 is to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0685. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 15-0685. An additional copy of this paper is enclosed herewith for deposit account charging purposes.

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Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:

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